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Military report raises sexual assault concerns

INVESTIGATION The Canadian Forces needs to step up its supervision of training facilities and family centres on bases across the country, according to a military police investigation that found a disproportionate number of sexual assault cases involved young people at the hands of older personnel.

In a draft report obtained by The Canadian Press, officials with the criminal intelligence section said sexual assaults against youth made up about half of the reported sex offences.

"The number of reported sexual offence complaints involving cadets and young persons is a cause for concern as young persons and cadets combined account for almost half of the victims of reported sex offences," states the 15-page report, done through the Military Police Criminal Intelligence Program and obtained under the Access to Information Act.

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Canadian death toll rises in Afghanistan

Riding the **Recession**

Looking for ways to save money and ride out the economic storm? Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

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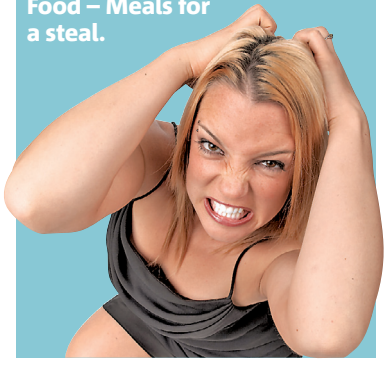

NBA **Hair-raising** **loss**

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Utah Jazz Mehmet Okur, left, and Toronto Raptors Chris Bosh battle for a loose ball yesterday during second-half NBA action in Toronto. Despite 30 points and 10 rebounds from Bosh, the Raptors lost 109-101 to the Jazz. Story, page 15.

Tentative deal for GM, CAW

Proposed agreement would put freeze on wages

The Canadian Auto Workers union has reached a tentative labour agreement with General Motors of Canada Ltd. that calls for a freeze on wages and pensions as part of the automaker's restructuring, the union said yesterday.

The deal came three days after the country's biggest industrial union began talks with GM in a bid to help the automaker cut costs and remain competitive with U.S. plants to secure future car and parts assembly work in Canada.

The proposed agreement, which would run to September 2012, suspends quarterly cost-of-living adjustments for wages and scraps annual increases to pensions, among other things.

"These changes represent a major sacrifice by our active members and retirees," said CAW president Ken Lewenza.

"They will reduce active hourly labour costs by several dollars per hour, reinforcing Canada's investment advantage relative to U.S. facilities."

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The automaker called the agreement "a positive further step" in its restructuring plan, which it submitted to Ottawa and the Ontario government Feb. 20.

"We compliment the CAW for their leadership to share sacrifices in these extremely challenging economic times," the company said in a statement.

Along with urging consumers to start buying vehicles again, the union used the announcement to call on governments to confirm financial-assistance packages for the industry.

"Pick up the phone this afternoon, call your MP, tell them that we did our part as one of the stakeholders in the industry," Lewenza said.

"They should be expediting a resolve to the terms and conditions of the loan (so) we can get the black cloud hanging over the heads of autoworkers and the Canadian economy moving forward."

About 10,000 union members who work at GM plants across Ontario will hold ratification votes tomorrow and Wednesday.

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Pension and wage freezes part of tentative deal between GM and CAW at metronews.ca/canada

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Scarborough Beer Store robbed
Officers are searching for a gun-wielding suspect after a Scarborough Beer Store was robbed in broad daylight. The suspect entered the store, at Eglinton Avenue and Markham Road, just after 3 p.m. yesterday, and threatened the staff with a handgun. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Do-not-call list working: Poll

The do-not-call list is proving effective at stopping nuisance phone pitches even though some Canadians are receiving more unwanted calls since registering, a new survey says. The poll, to be released today, finds 80 per cent of those on the list said they received fewer calls. But 13 per cent said the number of telemarketers contacting them rose, according to the Harris-Decima survey.

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Lotteries
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These results are not official.

Recession hitting Beach hard

Businesses forced to close up shop due to bleak economic landscape

The signs that the economic tsunami has hit the Beach are everywhere.

Empty storefronts along the Queen Street East strip are littered with "for rent" and "for lease" signs.

Mournful notes from former business owners are taped to inside windows, thanking loyal customers for their support.

One, in the window of a women's apparel store that closed after 16 years, exhorts residents "to SHOP LOCAL. The small business owners need your support more than ever."

Cathy Norman, former owner of Wisteria Way and the author of the goodbye note, says bad weather, a lack of parking and high rent contributed to the downfall of her business. The recession created the perfect storm.

"I've seen a lot of changes in Beaches' businesses over the years, but this is the worst," says shoe retailer Janice Burden. Business at her shoe store, Nature's Footwear, was down 40 per cent in February.

"It's actually scary out there," she says, referring to the numerous rental and lease signs.

Deborah Etsten, executive director of the Beach Business Improvement Area, noted that some retailers don't traditionally survive winter, when business is as bleak as the surrounding landscape.

"But this year, the recession has hit even harder. We do have a lot of empty storefronts."

"The reality is, how the main street goes in these areas, so goes the rest of the neighbourhood," John Kiru, executive director of the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas said,

Unoccupied retail strips aren't deemed to be as safe, he says.

"In the long run, if those stores close, and there are vacancies on that strip, the value of their homes will reflect that."

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The demise of main street?

- "Every main street retail area is undergoing some stress right now," says John Kiru, executive director of the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas.

Some midtown BIAs report four to seven businesses going under a month, he says. "That's significant when you've got a group of 100 to 150 businesses."

New NDP boss vows to create jobs

POLITICS Ontario's New Democrats must take the province back from the Liberals to stop the loss of manufacturing jobs and force issues that matter to working people back to the forefront, the party's newly minted leader said yesterday.

Andrea Horwath, who won a four-candidate race to become the first woman to head the provincial NDP, said she wanted jobs created in the steel and auto sectors, and planned to fight for public child care.

"In (Premier) Dalton McGuinty's Ontario, more than 300,000 of these well-paying jobs like the ones at Stelco ... have been lost," Horwath told hundreds of rowdy supporters in Hamilton.

"In our Ontario, these jobs will be found anew."

The 46-year-old Hamilton-born daughter of an auto worker laid out her vision on International Women's Day after winning the leadership on Saturday with 60.4 per cent of the vote.

Horwath beat out three fellow caucus members as delegates embraced her youth, energy and promise to rebuild the struggling party.

"She's our first woman leader, she comes from the next generation of leaders in our country, she has deep local experience, deep local roots in the community," federal NDP Leader Jack Layton said.

"As people get to know her and hear her speak about the issues, they're going to be very excited about the kind of leadership that she can provide."

Horwath promised to hold the Liberal government to account when it comes to job losses. She also championed the need for an industrial hydro rate, buy-local policies and light-rail transit.

Her new role, she said, will give her "an excellent opportunity" to grow the party.

David Christopherson, federal NDP member for Hamilton Centre, said Horwath had "all the ingredients" to be a good leader, including intelligence, passion and an ability to connect with people.

Horwath replaces Howard Hampton, 56, who took over from former premier and now federal Liberal MP Bob Rae in 1996.

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Runner-up Peter Tabuns, left, new Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath, centre, and federal NDP leader Jack Layton join hands at the party's leadership convention in Hamilton yesterday.

Breakthrough in brain cancer study

HEALTH Canadian researchers have pinpointed a family of eight genes that are mutated in patients with the most common form of childhood brain cancer, and they hope their discovery will lead to a more targeted means of treating the devastating disease.

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News in brief

CRASH Two people were critically injured just before 4 a.m. yesterday when their car rolled and struck a hydro pole in the Kingston and Markham Roads area. The driver was arrested for impaired driving and charges are pending, Toronto police said.

MISSING Toronto police are looking for an 11-year-old Etobicoke boy named Richard Henry who has been missing since Saturday afternoon and a 14-year-old girl named Keri-Lisa Persaud who was last seen at her North York high school Friday.

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4 local

Top female corporate lawyer dies

Alison Youngman, 60, who rose from paralegal to top corporate lawyer and broke new ground for women, has died after a four-month battle with cancer. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Law **Wrongfully convicted**

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From left, Romeo Phillion, William Mullins-Johnson, Rob Baltovich and (foreground) Alain Olivier pose together at a forum on wrongful convictions at York University on Saturday. The three first had convictions for murder overturned while Olivier is still fighting to clear his name.

Graduation rate up

Ontario's high school graduation rate keeps climbing, with 115,500 students — or 77 per cent — earning their diploma last year, education ministry figures to be released today show.

That's up slightly from 75 per cent in the 2006-07 school year, and nine percentage points higher than 2003, when the Liberals took office and said the province was facing a record number of dropouts.

The government's goal is to get 85 per cent of students graduating by 2010-11, using a number of new programs to help keep students interested and engaged in school.

Ontario's graduation rate plummeted after the curriculum was revamped and the fifth year eliminated. A study out of Queen's University said the new four-year program was too hard for those not planning on university. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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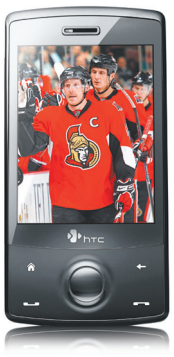

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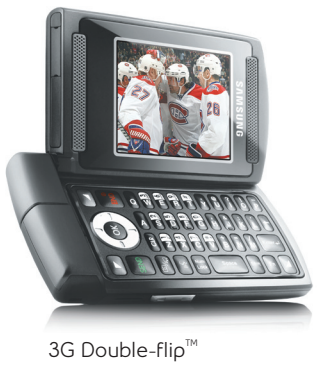

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Quebec residents against planned uranium mine

Locals living near Lac Kachiwiss in Quebec's northern wilderness are fearful a planned uranium mine could contaminate their drinking water. Quebec is refusing to declare a ban on uranium mining and a spokesman says the mine poses no threat to the health of residents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Happy trails

The federal government says it will spend up to $25 million to bolster recreation trails across the country. Treasury Board president Vic Toews said the money will go to improve and expand snowmobile, off-road vehicle, hiking, cross-country skiing and running trails during the 2009-10 fiscal year.

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Background
Terror law and sketch

- A quick look at the federal Anti-Terrorism Act:

Passed: December 2001, in response to the 9/11 attacks in the United States.

Goal: Defined terrorism for the first time as a specific crime under Canadian law.

Effect: Created new offences for planning, carrying out, financing, and facilitating terrorism.

- A brief sketch of Mohammad Momin Khawaja:

Born: April 14, 1979, in Ottawa.

Childhood: Spent six years as a pre-teen in Libya, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, where his father held various academic posts.

Arrested: March 29, 2004, by the RCMP as part of an international roundup of suspects in a bomb plot based in Britain.

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Judge's dilemma

First sentence under Canadian terror law

Misguided young man or calculating professional terrorist?

The fate of Momin Khawaja depends, to a large extent, on which of those contrasting portraits Justice Douglas Rutherford chooses to accept when he passes sentence on the 29-year-old Ottawa software developer this week.

Khawaja, arrested nearly five years ago by the RCMP as part of a joint investigation with British police and security forces, now stands convicted on seven criminal counts, five of them specifically relating to terrorist activity.

When he appears before Rutherford in Ontario Superior Court on Thursday, he will be the first person sentenced under the federal Anti-Terrorism Act, rushed into law by Parliament in the wake of the 9/11 attacks in 2001.

It promises to be a "dramatic and historic" occasion, says Wesley Wark, a University of Toronto expert on counterterrorism.

"Rutherford has to define for Canadians the judiciary's view of the nature of terrorism offences, and the relevant sentencing regime that goes with them."

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Momin Khawaja, left, is escorted from the Ottawa courthouse after being found guilty of five of seven terrorism charges in October 2008. Khawaja will be sentenced later this week.

Alberta no longer No. 1 in Canadian economic growth

CRASH Alberta's bragging rights as Canada's economic engine are fading.

The energy bonanza has come to a crashing halt, suddenly putting the province near the bottom of the pack for economic growth in the country this year.

The latest Conference Board of Canada outlook projects growth of minus 0.5 per cent, the first negative figure the province has seen in nearly a quarter-century. That's in stark contrast to a place that led the country in growth for three years starting in 2004.

Saskatchewan is now in top spot with projected growth of 1.6 per cent.

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News in brief

ABORIGINALS The B.C. provincial government is looking to redraw the aboriginal map of British Columbia — a move that one expert believes could usher in a modern new era of aboriginal government. The proposed changes are part of a sweeping reconciliation legislation that would amalgamate First Nations, reducing their official number from more than 200 to less than 25.

WATER The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has taken a stand against bottled water. The group asked Canadian cities and towns Saturday to phase out the sale and purchase of bottled water on municipal property.

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Police shoot, kill Ottawa robbery suspect
Ontario's police watchdog has launched a probe after a bank robbery suspect was shot and killed Friday by Ottawa police. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Going nowhere

Ups, downs of Parliament Hill's elevators

Politics may have its ups and downs, but Parliament Hill's cranky elevators often have politicians stuck going nowhere.

Maintenance records for elevators operating in the parliamentary precinct show that stepping into the sometimes geriatric devices is not always an uplifting experience.

Over the last two years, wayward elevators have trapped several dozen people, emitted fearful noises, stopped erratically, opened doors halfway between floors, and swallowed keys, files and phones.

The Centre Block of Parliament Hill, location of the House of Commons and the Senate chamber, is home to several independent-minded elevators that seem almost haunted.

In June last year, for instance, several "people (were) stuck in the elevator that goes up and down non-stop," says one of almost 250 trouble calls registered since 2007.

Trouble reports refer to burning smells, grinding noises, metal-on-metal sounds, cables dragging and oil dripping.

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Haunted?

- One rogue elevator would "stop for no reason at all when going to a floor, then start again, in irregular patterns." Still another "keeps on moving on its own, and won't stop," while a fourth was "not going to the expected floors, (and) is erratic."

Critics denounce dismissal of ex-MP discrimination case

SASKATOON The Canadian Human Rights Commission should appeal a ruling that dismissed a discrimination complaint against former MP Jim Pankiw, who sent pamphlets to constituents with slogans such as "Stop Indian Crime," critics of the decision say.

On Friday, a Canadian human rights tribunal ruled the law doesn't apply to statements made by members of Parliament in pamphlets called householders that are mailed to constituents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

PLAN Quebec is mulling its next long-term environment plan and is under pressure to address the province's return-to-retail system when it comes to bottles, pop and beer cans. More than 400 million cans — worth around $20 million in deposits — don't make it back to stores for recycling each year.

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Gingrich 2012?

U.S. President Barack Obama isn't yet two months into his term and already there's talk about who might run for the job in 2012. Republican Newt Gingrich was asked on NBC's Meet the Press if he would run in four years. His two-word response: "Not particularly." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Pontiff to visit Holy Land

Pope Benedict said yesterday he would visit the Holy Land from May 8 to 15 in the first papal trip to the area since 2000. The visit would be the second official trip by a pontiff to Israel. The pope said he would go to sites Jesus visited, and would pray for "the precious gift of unity and peace for the Middle East and all of humanity."

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Roadside bomb kills 112th soldier

One Canadian soldier has been killed and four others wounded in a roadside bomb attack north of Kandahar city.

The attack that killed Trooper Marc Diab, 22, happened in the Shah Wali Kot district, a mountainous region and known transit point for Taliban fighters entering the province.

His armoured vehicle was on patrol when it struck a large explosive around 1:15 p.m.

Marc Diab

Diab, a member of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, is the 112th Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan since 2002.

All four wounded soldiers are reported in stable condition and each of them will be evacuated to Germany for further care.

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Afghan women offer prayers during a gathering to mark International Women's Day yesterday in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Women at work on rights in Afghanistan

As the 100th anniversary of International Woman's Day — which marks the achievements of women — is celebrated around the world, a group of Canadian women continue to do their part to bolster female rights in Afghanistan.

In a land where women are often treated like property and second class citizens, it's a challenge for Canadian soldiers providing assistance and security.

A military officer said she hopes she's viewed as a role model for Afghan women, but soldiers aren't the only Canadian women doing active duty: One aid worker says female district leaders are most often forgotten. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

SHIELD Poland's president said yesterday he believes the United States will honour its agreement to build a missile defence base in his country, adding that scrapping the project to improve ties with Russia would be an unfriendly gesture toward Poland. The former administration of George W. Bush signed a deal with Poland last summer to place 10 missile defence receptors in Poland's north. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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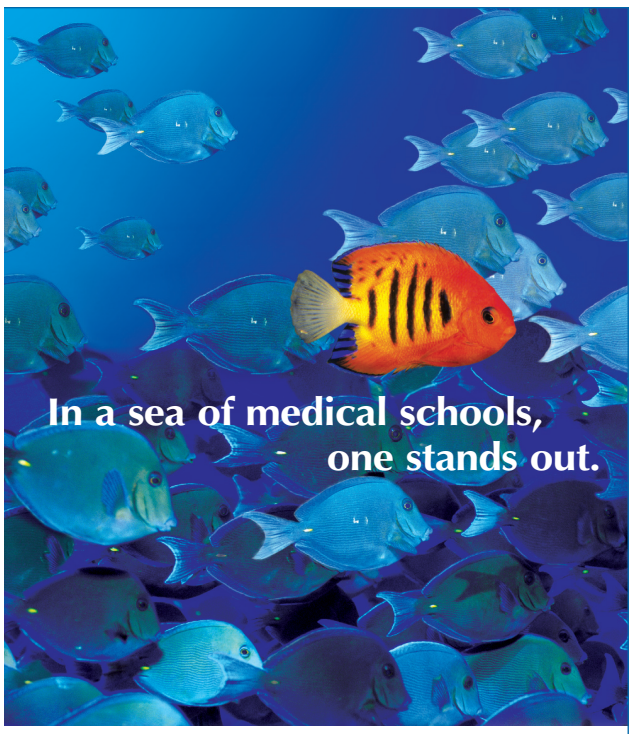

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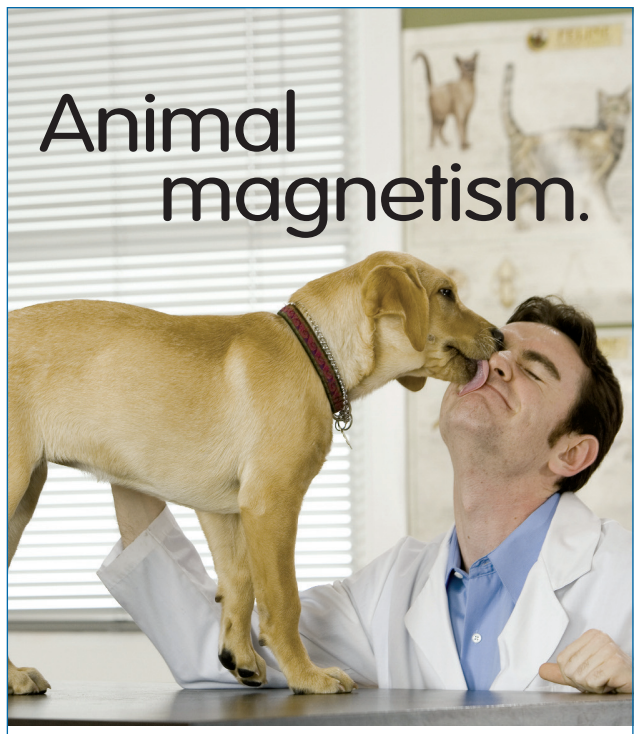

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White House budget chief preaches patience
The White House budget chief says he is giving the stimulus plan time to work before looking at revising predictions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRA dissidents kill two British soldiers

Suspected IRA dissidents who opened fire on British soldiers and pizza delivery men outside an army base shot their victims again as they lay on the ground, police said yesterday.

Two soldiers died and four others, including two men delivering pizzas, remained in hospital with serious wounds following Saturday night's attack at the entrance to Massereene army barracks in Antrim, west of Belfast.

It was the first killing of British soldiers in Northern Ireland since 1997. Its callousness appeared calculated to inflame community tensions and undermine Northern Ireland's Catholic-Protestant administration just as its leaders prepare to promote their coalition in the U.S.

Police said a car carrying two men both armed with assault rifles opened fire on a group of four soldiers taking delivery of food from two pizza drivers. At least one gunman then got out of the attackers' vehicle and shot the victims again at close range.

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IRA

- IRA dissidents opposed to the IRA's 1997 ceasefire have been repeatedly trying to kill British soldiers since November 2007.

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Forensic officers examine the scene yesterday at the Massereene army barracks in Antrim, Northern Ireland, where two British soldiers were shot to death in a drive-by ambush.

12,000 U.S. troops pulling out of Iraq

LEAVING The U.S. military announced 12,000 American and 4,000 British troops will leave Iraq by September, reducing U.S. combat power to 12 brigades from 14 brigades.

The 4,000 British troops are the last British soldiers in Iraq. There are about 135,000 U.S. troops in Iraq.

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Bangladesh gets FBI help

MUTINY A team from the FBI will assist Bangladeshi police investigating last month's bloody mutiny by border guards that killed more than 70 people, mostly army officers, a minister said yesterday.

Police also said they have so far arrested 36 suspects out of the more than 1,000 border guards charged in the mayhem.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni said two agents from the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation were expected yesterday in the Bangladeshi capital to make an initial assessment.

The government sought technical and forensic assistance from the FBI and Britain's Scotland Yard after the Feb. 25-26 mutiny.

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Former Israel president to face rape charge

Israel's Justice Ministry says former president Moshe Katsav is to be charged with raping a woman who once worked for him. Katsav stepped down in June 2007 after four female former employees accused him of crimes including rape. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

SHOOTING Illinois state police say a man shot a pastor to death at a church during a service yesterday in the community of Maryville. The man walked down the aisle, exchanged words with the pastor and then pulled out a .45-calibre handgun. He fatally shot the pastor once before the gun jammed, then pulled out a knife and wounded himself and two churchgoers who tried to subdue him.

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Hamas nudged toward unity

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas urged his Hamas rivals yesterday to move quickly toward a unity government able to rebuild Gaza after the Israeli military offensive.

Negotiators from his Fatah party plan to meet Hamas officials in Egypt this week for what are expected to be the most serious reconciliation talks since Hamas seized power in Gaza two years ago.

"We must reach a national reconciliation government," Abbas said. "This government will be responsible for reconstruction (in Gaza). The faster a government is formed, the faster we will be able to rebuild in the Gaza Strip, quickly, for the sake of our people."

Fatah and Hamas are expected to begin 10 days of talks in Cairo tomorrow, but it remains far from certain whether they can work out a deal.

In addition to the lingering mistrust, the sides must overcome their deep differences over dealing with Israel and the international community.

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Background

- Hamas defeated Fatah in the 2006 parliamentary election, though Mahmoud Abbas remained president.
- In June 2007, after five days of civil war, Hamas routed Abbas' forces in Gaza and seized complete control.

China Thirsty

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Villagers disembark the ferry at Donggou village in Xichuan County, Henan province, China. In China's latest grand attempt to reroute nature, three canals will bring water hundreds of miles to Beijing and other thirsty cities in the north. More than 350,000 people in the way will be forced to move.

Tsvangirai leaves Zimbabwe

TREATMENT Zimbabwe's prime minister has left the country for medical treatment after he was injured in a car crash that killed his wife, state media said yesterday. A party official said Morgan Tsvangirai was in Botswana where he spent months last year, fearing for his life in his homeland.

State radio and the government-run Sunday Mail said Tsvangirai left Saturday, soon after being released from the Harare hospital where he had been treated after his car collided Friday with a truck carrying U.S. aid.

The long history of political violence blamed on Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe's forces — including several assassination attempts on Tsvangirai — is now fuelling speculation Friday's car crash was not an accident.

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Captive soldier's parents protest

PRESSURE The parents of an Israeli soldier held captive by Palestinian militants set up camp outside Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's residence yesterday, vowing to stay there until the end of his term to try to pressure his government to bring their son home.

Dozens of supporters, including high school children in costume for the Jewish Purim holiday, stood outside the protest tent where the parents of Sgt. Gilad Schalit sat.

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Gleaning recession wisdom through rice

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Riding the **Recession**

Note: This column contains complex philosophical concepts and abstruse intellectual thinking. I don't understand it myself.

My past two columns have asked Are You Recession Ready? and explored the all-important topic of Recession Etiquette. Today, we'll consider, "What's the most important part of getting through this recession?" Not resorting to eating shrubbery, for sure. But, after that? The point is to come out of this difficult time wiser than we went in. Bet you didn't know that. See? You're smarter already. What an amazing service I offer.

In university, I took a philosophy course. I quickly became convinced the reason universities teach philosophy is because professors enjoy making students suffer. This shows how little I knew. That's only one purpose.

A lesser goal of philosophy is to take basic questions of life that cannot possibly be answered and then attempt to do it anyway. This is supposed to make us wiser. Generally it just made me more confused. However, I suggest that in order to glean wisdom from the recession we attempt a little Recession Philosophy.

One profound life question philosophers attempt to answer is, "Why am I?" Recession Philosophers attempt to answer, "Why am I broke?" Something like that.

The way philosophers answer questions no one can answer is by posing questions no one can understand. And yes, people get paid for doing this.

For example, to answer, "What is life?" one philosophical question my professor posed was, "There is a goose in a bottle. How do you get the goose out of the bottle without breaking the bottle or harming the goose?" My classmates and I offered genius answers like, "Does the Humane society know about this?" and "Wouldn't it be easier to raise chinchillas?" The correct answer was, "You just do." And again, yes, people get paid for this.

In Recession Philosophy the question would read, "There is a goose in a bottle. How do you serve the goose so that it will feed a family of six with leftovers for lunch?" The answer is, "You just do. Particularly if you've made a large side of rice to go with it."

Here's another profound question, "Why is life painful?" Recession Philosophy tweaks this slightly to, "Why do they keep sending me RRSP statements?" An answering question might be, "Wouldn't I be better off keeping my savings in a sock under my pillow?" You know philosophy's actually amazing. I feel wiser already.

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Views

GO Transit still has lessons to learn

InTransit

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When Oakville resident Pat Eales stopped commuting into Toronto in 2008, GO Transit lost its most vocal critic and riders their leading advocate. Ms. Eales sponsored the original electronic rider petition that garnered 11,000 supporters early last year.

What does she say about GO's response? "They have tried to change some things, but they keep going back to the 'We're blameless and we can't help it' (refrain)." The agency too often tries to blame delays and cancellations on "all the same reasons," she says, such as funding shortfalls, winter weather or freight trains. Eales states, "GO needs to be more transparent and more proactive."

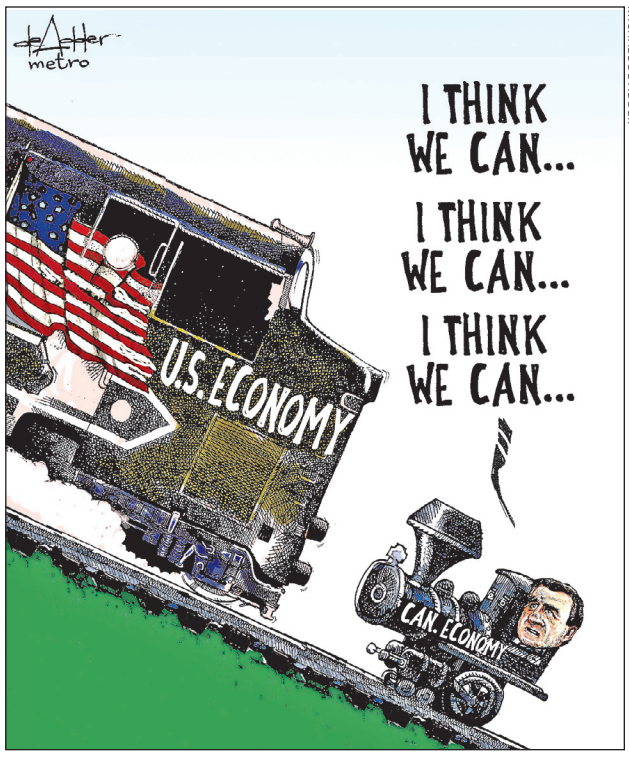
I have to agree with her — especially on the transparency part. GO Transit appears to lie somewhere between a public agency that's formally accountable to its riders and a private organization that wishes to be judged only by the quality of its product.

If on time performance is a key measure of service, GO has little improvement to show compared to last winter. December 2008 on time figures (the most recent to be made public) are roughly the same as a year earlier.

As for accountability — observe this week's fare hike. Single-trip prices are set to increase an average of five per cent March 14. The news was not on gotransit.com yesterday. The agency's board of directors is set to vote on the hike just a day before it goes into effect — rubber-stamping a decision that seems to have already been made.

The public barely have a chance to scrutinize the board's decisions. Meeting minutes are not easily available. What's more, I've been asking for about a year if official board reports will someday be distributed electronically — let alone put online like agencies such as TTC or Metrolinx do. The answer (also for about a year) has been 'We're working on it.'

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.



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Georgia bank 17th to close in U.S.

U.S. regulators have shut down Freedom Bank of Georgia, marking the 17th failure this year of a federally insured bank in the United States, and more are expected to succumb amid a deepening recession. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

Investors, Madoff face off?

Bernard Madoff, left, could soon find himself in a courtroom with some of the same devastated investors he's accused of ripping off in one of the biggest financial frauds in history. Madoff is expected to plead guilty at a hearing this week. A U.S. judge has invited potential victims who wish to be heard at Thursday's hearing to notify the court a day earlier. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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SUMMIT China is looking to next month's G-20 meeting of world leaders in London to boost confidence and global co-ordination in dealing with the world financial crisis, its foreign minister said Saturday. China has so far appeared reluctant to offer major cash injections to the International Monetary Fund and other global financial bodies.

CHAIN Administrators for Principles Retail Ltd. said Saturday they had been unable to find a buyer for the British womenswear chain, putting as many as 2,300 jobs at risk. The company will close 66 stores, and 110 head office staff have already lost their jobs. Principles has more than 400 outlets.

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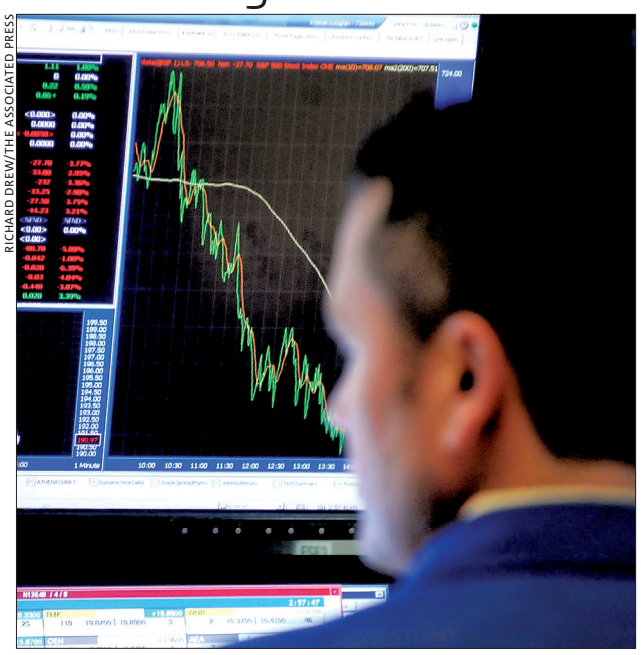
AIG triggers crash

Hopes of markets nearing bottom dashed

Investors hoping stock markets were approaching bottom saw those hopes sorely tried last week after concerns about the financial sector sent indexes crashing through last November's lows.

The trigger was a $62-billion US quarterly loss by American International Group. The biggest ever loss for a U.S. corporation sent the Toronto market down 6.5 per cent for the week, falling to 2003 lows while the Dow Jones lost 6.17 per cent, tumbling to 1997 lows.

Sentiment was also hit by more miserable data from the U.S. showing a loss of 651,000 jobs last month, while the unemployment rate jumped to 8.1 per cent from 7.6 per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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In this March 2 file photo, a specialist works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Many analysts generally think the market has endured the worst of the bear market.

BMO, others get bailout benefits

CREDIT CRISIS The U.S. government bailout of insurance giant American International Group has benefited at least two-dozen U.S. and foreign financial institutions — including the Bank of Montreal — who together collected some $50 billion US, news reports said Saturday.

AIG is paying money to its counterparties because it had agreed to guarantee them against losses from credit default swaps.

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U.K. government controls Lloyds

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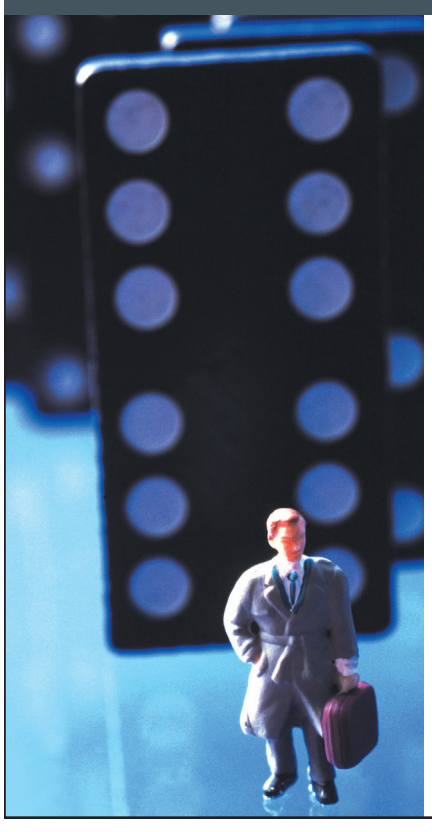

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How eco-friendly is your home?

Energy audit can help find leaks and inefficiencies that waste money and energy

EarthTones

How green is your home? How much of your household energy budget is escaping through your walls and windows?

If you are like us, you hope your home is green, but you don't really know. One way to find out is by a home energy audit. These audits are about to become a requirement in order to buy/sell a home in Ontario. They are similar to a home inspection, which is already performed during more house sales but instead of dry rot and termites, the inspector is looking for leaks and inefficiencies.

During a home inspection, the seal on your windows, the effectiveness of your insulation, and the efficiency of your furnace and hot water heater would be assessed. A blower is used to suck air out of the house so it is under negative pressure. Then the amount of suction required to keep the pressure in the house constant can be used to figure out how much air is leaking into your house. They can even tell you where the air is leaking in.

OK, so you get your home inspected and some problems are identified. Then what do you do? As luck would have it, the government is willing to shoot some money your way to fix some of these things. Federal grant money is available in order to make your home more green. In addition to the federal money, provincial money is also available in many provinces including British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia to upgrade the "greenness" of your home.

Money is available to get a more efficient furnace, to improve the insulation in your attic, to insulate your walls and basement, replace leaky windows and doors, and for a ground source heat pump and solar hot water system.

So how do we get at this money, you ask? What you need to do is have a pre-audit done by an auditor certified by Natural Resources Canada. The auditor will give you recommendations for upgrading your home. You then perform the upgrades and have the auditor come back for a post audit. The auditor will then file for whatever grants you may be eligible for on your behalf.

The downside to this is you have to pay the upfront costs for the renovations yourself and then trust the improvements will be enough to qualify you for the grant money. But if your furnace is getting old, or you were planning to do some upgrades anyway, why not get some help footing the bill?

Sophia Dore is an environmental scientist with Conestoga-Rovers & Associates. Andrew Laursen is an assistant professor at Ryerson University; earthtones.metro@gmail.com.

Federal and provincial grants

• For more information about federal and provincial grants and to find a certified home inspector go to the the Natural Resources Canada website (www.nrcan.gc.ca) and look for the ecoEnergy Retrofit program.

Green On Tap rallies restaurants

WATER Eatertainment Hospitality Inc. recently created the "Green On Tap" initiative to rally organizations in the hospitality industry to adopt a greener approach to serving water, while simultaneously giving back to Evergreen, a national charity currently transforming the Don Valley Brick Works into an environmental community centre and national hub for urban sustainability in the heart of the Toronto ravine system.

Eatertainment's flagship restaurant —The Bloor Street Diner — was the first restaurant to join the "Green on Tap" program, raising $1 from every bottle sold, which will go toward the transformation of the Brick Works.

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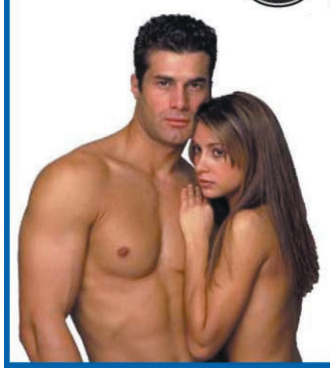

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Italian swimmer breaks own 200m freestyle world record
Olympic champion Federica Pellegrini broke her world record in the 200-metre freestyle at an Italian swim meet yesterday. Pellegrini posted a time of one minute 54.47 seconds, shaving 0.35 seconds off her winning time at last year's Olympics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Agassi back in action

Andre Agassi is picking up his racket again. Agassi will make his return to competitive tournament tennis by participating in the Outback Champions Series event at Surprise, Ariz., in October. The tour is for players 30 and older. Tour spokesman Randy Walker told The Associated Press yesterday of Agassi's return. The tour plans an announcement today.
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Sports in brief

NHL The Toronto Maple Leafs recalled defencemen Phil Oreskovic and Anton Stralman from their American Hockey League affiliate yesterday. Oreskovic, 22, will make his NHL debut tonight in Ottawa. He has a goal and eight assists in 59 games this season with the AHL Toronto Marlies. Stralman, 22, has seven goals and eight assists in 30 contests.

HOCKEY The B.C. city of Terrace may be small, but when it comes to a hockey fight the community has enough passion to keep up with any NHL tough guy. The northwestern B.C. community has been named by CBC as Hockeyville 2009 after a record number of votes poured in, including 1.9 million votes in support of Terrace.

BASEBALL Alex Rodriguez will have arthroscopic hip surgery today and is expected to miss six to nine weeks. The Yankees slugger will need further surgery after the season. Rodriguez has a torn labrum and a cyst in his right hip. His hip had been fine until he experienced stiffness during spring training this year.
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Focus on fighting

NHL GMs to consider 'rules of engagement'

The issue of fighting in hockey is about to be placed under the microscope.

With the NHL's 30 general managers set to gather for their annual meetings today through Wednesday, fighting will dominate the discussion.

The GMs will examine a range of issues to do with fights in the sport, looking at what commissioner Gary Bettman has termed "the rules of engagement." Everything from potential safety measures to what types of fights should be allowed is expected to be debated and discussed.

While the issue is hardly a new one for the league, the tide of popular opinion seems to be changing. A chorus of different voices have chimed in on the issue since Ontario senior men's league player Don Sanderson died in January after striking his head on the ice during a fight.

Now the GMs will look at fighting closely. It could potentially lead to a new rule or regulation.

"We will have a good candid discussion," Bettman said recently. "We are not going to have any immediate knee-jerk reactions."

PAWEL DWULIT/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE
Edmonton Oiler Jason Strudwick fights with Toronto Maple Leaf Ben Ondrus Saturday.

"We are not going to have any immediate knee-jerk reactions."
Gary Bettman

The commissioner has said many times he believes fighting still has a place in hockey and the majority of GMs seem to share that sentiment.

One thing they'll discuss in Florida is the merits of instituting a rule similar to the Ontario Hockey League that requires players to keep their helmets on during fights. NHLPA boss Paul Kelly and Montreal Canadiens tough guy Georges Laraques are among the people who have publicly supported that kind of change. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Beckham pays to stay in Milan

SOCCER David Beckham is spending his own money to remain on loan with AC Milan before he returns to the Los Angeles Galaxy in July.

The English midfielder will stay through the end of the Italian team's season, which concludes May 31. He will be available for England's two World Cup qualifiers in June before taking a few weeks off and rejoining the Galaxy July 1.

But it's going to cost Beckham to stay overseas. He and AC Milan are jointly paying the Galaxy in a "multimillion-dollar deal" to extend his loan, the Galaxy said in a statement issued late Saturday night.

"A lot of players show their affection just with words. David Beckham is one of the very few who has shown it with deeds," AC Milan chairman Adriano Galliani said yesterday on Italian state television. "I won't cite any numbers, but I can say that the player will stay with us until June. He has made an incredible economic commitment, paying a lot of money from his own pocket."

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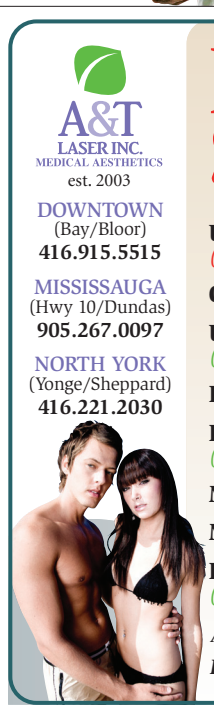

Record for Tavares
John Tavares is the most prolific goal-scorer in OHL history after a hat trick yesterday left him with 215 career goals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadians need win

After a tough, one-run loss in the Pool C opener to the United States, things are about to get serious for the Canadian squad at the World Baseball Classic.

Win and you're still in. Lose and go home.

Canada's first elimination game is against Italy tonight at the Rogers Centre (Rogers Sportsnet, 6:30 p.m. ET). A Canadian victory would set up another do-or-die game tomorrow against the loser of last night's game between the U.S. and Venezuela.

Italy has just a handful of players with major league experience, including former Toronto Blue Jays slugger Frank Catalanotto. However, as the Netherlands proved in its stunning 3-2 upset win over the Dominican Republic Saturday, anything can happen in a one-game showdown.

"We know they're a very good ball club and we know we'll have our hands full," Canadian manager Ernie Whitt said yesterday. "We're just hoping our hitters respond and score a lot of runs."

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Team Canada manager Ernie Whitt stands in the dugout during Saturday's game against the U.S. The U.S. beat Canada 6-5.

Same old tune for Raptors

NBA The Toronto Raptors and the Utah Jazz are two teams going in decidedly different directions.

Deron Williams scored 25 points and added nine assists and Kyle Korver had 20 points and eight rebounds off the bench as the surging Jazz won their 11th straight game with a 109-101 victory over the slumping Raptors at the Air Canada Centre yesterday afternoon.

Chris Bosh led the Raptors (23-41) with 30 points and 10 rebounds, as Toronto lost its fifth straight.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

BRIER Alberta's Kevin Martin improved to 2-0 at the Canadian men's curling championship with a 7-5 win over Quebec's Jean-Michel Menard yesterday. In other action, New Brunswick's Russ Howard had a 9-4 win over Saskatchewan's Joel Jordison.

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Metro Workology exclusive: Matters of the Heart

Don't miss Matters of the Heart, Metro's exclusive feature series in the Workology section. There are jobs to be had that focus on falling in love, falling out of love and everything in between; we will be digging up the stories for you, so check for Workology on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Metronews.ca/work as well.

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A customer service dynamo

Harry Rosen fashioned his menswear empire on personal relationships

Matters of the Heart

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Whether it's for the wedding chapel or the boardroom, the perfect suit is Harry Rosen's specialty.

The 77-year-old Canadian icon has forged a name as one of Canada's most respected and revered men's fashion brands famous for tailored suits of exceptional quality, with 40 per cent of the market share in Toronto and more than 15 stores across Canada — including stores in Ottawa, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Montreal.

Born and raised in Toronto, Rosen always had a knack for engaging with people. He got a part-time job at a menswear store in 1952, and — unlike the other salespeople who tried to sell anything to anyone — Rosen made it his mission to have as many customers come back to shop with him personally. "I realized that building relationships was crucial in this business. Customers came back to me even though I was a part-timer," Rosen said.

Rosen took his sales philosophy to the bank and opened his first shop on Feb. 5, 1954, on Toronto's Bloor Street, where it remains his flagship store to this day. He says he never left the sales floor in those early years and his focus is still, as it was all those years ago, on developing a relationship of trust to garner return customers.

"People always say men hate shopping but once they find someone they trust, they're one-stop shoppers," Rosen said.

While keeping tabs on customers' buying habits and preferences is considered mandatory business practice nowadays, back in the 1950s Rosen's diligence in starting individual files for each customer and updating it regularly was innovative and ground-breaking. The importance of nurturing repeat buyers by providing them with unparalleled service is something Rosen encourages directly in his stores — in fact, he pays his staff on retention of customers, not on commission.

Rosen's advice for budding entrepreneurs is simple: Start with something worth offering and work hard to make it the best thing around.

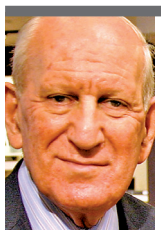
"You have to have a good idea, a vision that you can share with people. You've got to have a reason for existing, a reason to attract customers," Rosen said.

Knowing your market is crucial too and nothing can be a substitute for experience. In Rosen's case, keeping a high level of service and quality has allowed him to weather multiple recessions by focusing on what he calls "evolution, not revolution" in the menswear market.

"Men really haven't changed all that much since 1952. I can predict how many blue suits I'll be selling to within a couple of percentage point two years from now," Rosen said.

RAFAEL BRUSILOW/FOR METRO CANADA

Retention of customers is Harry Rosen's mantra and he preaches it directly in his stores across the country. Instead of getting paid on commission, his staff are paid on retention of customers, he says.



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Yorkville candle shop business burns brightly

Matters of the Heart

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Good candles are delightfully aromatic and for one married entrepreneurial couple, the scent is good business indeed.

Theresa and Brian Kim have owned and run Candle Emporium, a store specializing in high-end candles on Toronto's Yorkville Avenue, for the past 19 years — no small feat for any small business.

Theresa says the friendly nature of Torontonians has been a large part of what has made the store a rewarding experience to run.

"I love my customers. I'm very pleased to see them happy — that's what makes me want to stay here," Theresa said.

Originally from Korea, Theresa, 63, and Brian, 66, moved to Montreal in 1988 to start a new life. They moved to Toronto and started Candle Emporium in 1990 because their kids wanted to study English.

They bought the store location from a previous owner who told them the original store had opened in the 1950s and was likely the first candle shop in Toronto. Theresa believes the store's resilience can be attributed to the innate comfort good candles can bring.

"Candle light is really different from electric light. It's more romantic, more of a luxury. I think it makes you feel happier," Theresa said.

> **"(Candle light is) more romantic, more of a luxury."**
> Theresa Kim

Beeswax candles are a big hit at the store, due to the fact they tend to burn longer and brighter than other candles, while high-quality aromatic candles are a favourite for relaxing with lavender and vanilla being by far the most popular aromas.

Brian says the biggest challenge when the couple started out was learning enough English to be able to converse with customers to provide the best possible service.

Given the shop's Yorkville address, it's no surprise that more than a few famous customers have walked through its doors, including former Canadian Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson and figure skater Kristy Yamaguchi.

Usually though, other customers have to point out when a celebrity was just in the store.

"We never recognize the famous people!" Brian joked.

The couple's success hasn't come only in business — the pair will celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary this year, proving that love can be the most rewarding partnership of all. They don't admit to having any particular secret to their strong marriage but they both agree that knowing when to let the other person "win" is important.

As for what keeps their store successful, Theresa says it's nothing more than hard work and great service.

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Gamer's job bridges pastime with career

OddJobs

As a video game tester, you may find yourself playing through finished games just before they get distributed, or you may be playing through beta versions with barely any graphics, says Ryan Hale.

Is your teen spending March break hunched over a video game console? You're probably not thrilled. What if all this gaming turns him into a slacker for life?

Take heart: Hardcore gamers can sometimes turn their passion into a career. That's what Ryan Hale, 23, has done.

He's a lead tester for Charlottetown company Sculpin QA. It tests games for its sister company, Other Ocean Interactive and other game makers, which design the products.

"We play games at various levels and critique them," explains Hale. He sometimes plays a game that's ready for market to make sure it has no bugs. Other times, he moves through a game that's in the beta testing phase and hardly has any graphics. Sometimes he just runs through a program to make sure the menus are working.

As well, he checks games to ensure they pass certification requirements of various video game systems.

After he plays, he uploads his comments on an interactive web page. He sometimes plays a game for just a few days. He's been testing one for Wii created by Other Ocean for a year, and he's still testing it now for a future European release.

As a kid in Newfoundland, Hale played games constantly. He started out on an Atari. When his family got a brand-new Pentium computer when he was in his teens, he switched to online gaming and played Quake and Doom with friends.

Once he was finished school and living in Saskatchewan with his family, he took a job as a dishwasher and then a cook. In his spare time he bought computer parts and assembled them for friends. Realizing his tech skills had some value in the market, he found a job as a technical representative for AT&T.

When his family relocated again, this time to P.E.I., he found a job doing tech support for Apple. At that job, he learned about iPhone games.

When he heard about Sculpin QA, which launched a year ago, he went for a job interview. His knowledge of games, the iPhone and his experience doing beta testing for big gaming companies — which is something anyone can do through their websites, but you don't get paid for it — helped him get the job.

Unlike what many people think, he neither gets sick of playing games all day, nor does he sit on his butt and do nothing. But he and his co-workers — 12 testers in total — often run tournaments on their lunch hour and after work, they love gaming so much. "It's a lot of work, we work hard. But it's really fun."

The Lowdown

Job title: Video game tester
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Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Pop fashion
Madonna has set her sights on conquering the fashion world for a second time — the pop superstar is set to launch a new line with designer Christian Audigier. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Inspired by Mickey Mouse

Cartoon sets rosy tone at French fashion show

Fashion designer Jeremy Scott has just the antidote for crisis-induced malaise: The world's favourite optimist, Mickey Mouse!

The American-born designer, whose pop-culture-inspired prints have won him a cult following among fashionistas and celebrities, sent out his winter 2010 pret-a-porter collection Saturday inspired by the beloved cartoon character.

"When he came in 1930, in the middle of the Depression and all of those horrible things, he brought so much joy," Scott told reporters backstage. "And I thought, 'That's kind of where we are now. Why not Mickey Mouse?"'

He adopted Mickey's colours, black, white, red and a splash of yellow, for his palette, sending out graphic sweater dresses in black, little red dresses covered with Mickey's iconic profile and a skirt emblazoned with oversized telephone keys in canary yellow.

"When he came in 1930, in the middle of the Depression and all of those horrible things, he brought so much joy." Jeremy Scott

A bulky scarf and coat were made from white gloves with black piping that looked like Mickey had just slipped them off.

Other standout pieces included a bustier, dress and coat covered with bright, plastic buttons and a simple, swingy yellow coat that proved Scott can do normal, if he tries.

Scott's use of kitschy, pop-culture icons helped forge his reputation as a master of low-meet-high art, and Saturday's show didn't disappoint. Beyond Mickey, there were dresses covered in black telephones, their coiled cords tracing a messy web across the red background.

Rap superstar Kanye West praised the show as great.

"I love the colours," West said. He was dressed for the occasion in a sweater with an oversized pink poodle — signed Jeremy Scott, of course.

Other front row guests at the show — held in a gloomy hall in a Paris medical school — included Peaches Geldof, daughter of activist-rocker Bob Geldof, and singer Beth Ditto.

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Mickey Mouse inspired the latest line from designer Jeremy Scott.

Weekend box office

1. **Watchmen:** $55.7 million US
2. **Madea Goes to Jail:** $8.8 million
3. **Taken:** $7.5 million
4. **Slumdog Millionaire:** $6.9 million
5. **Paul Blart: Mall Cop:** $4.2 million
6. **He's Just Not That Into You:** $4.2 million
7. **Coraline:** $3.3 million
8. **Confessions of a Shopaholic:** $3.1 million
9. **Jonas Brothers:** $2.8 million
10. **Fired Up:** $2.6 million

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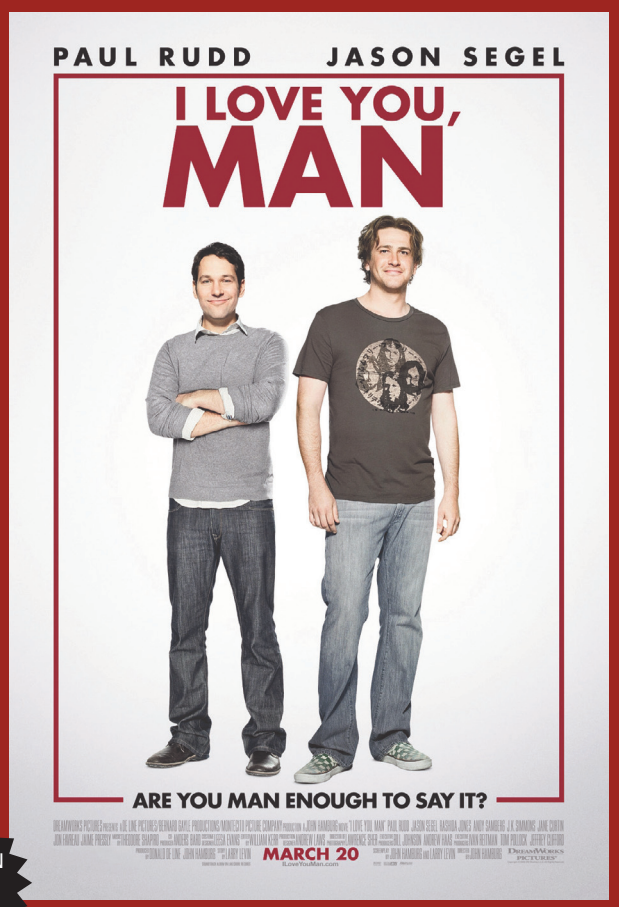

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Big spender

The economic crisis is hitting everyone, including Lily Allen, who says she's completely broke after spending all her earnings from her first album on clothes and cars, according to WENN. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Famed author Walker to visit Gaza

Pulitzer-prize winning author Alice Walker, who wrote The Color Purple, is travelling to Gaza along with other female activists to highlight the devastation of the recent Israeli military offensive on Gaza's residents.

"I feel that what is happening in the Middle East is very important because the situation is so volatile," said Walker, speaking by telephone Saturday from the Rafah border crossing as her group waited to travel into Gaza.

"I love people, and I love children and I feel that the Palestinian child is just as precious as the African-American child, as the Jewish child."

Walker is part of a group of about 60 women going to Gaza to deliver aid and meet with NGOs and residents. The trip, organized by the U.S. antiwar group Code Pink, is intended to push both Israel and Egypt to open the borders into Gaza. Members of the group intend to stay in Gaza until March 11, timed to coincide with International Women's Day on March 8.

Alice Walker

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Obama appears on Oprah cover

PEOPLE After sharing the cover of her magazine with her slimmer self a couple months back, Oprah Winfrey is for the first time sharing it with somebody else: First lady Michelle Obama.

In the issue that will hit the newsstands March 17, Winfrey interviews the first lady about topics ranging from her decorating philosophy to how she hopes she can help other women. Oprah had gone solo on the O magazine cover for nine years.

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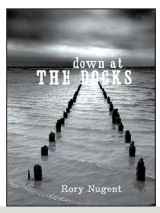
Kimmel, Silverman part ways
Despite a reconciliation that gave them both cause for laughs, late-night talk-show host Jimmy Kimmel, 41, and comedian Sarah Silverman, 38, have split, a source confirms to People. **PEOPLE.COM**

In a sibling's shadow

The Local **News**

Author: Miriam Gershow
Publisher: Spiegel & Grau
Price: $27.95 (Hardcover)

Siblings Lydia and Danny Pasternak are on opposite ends of the adolescent spectrum. Lydia is the brains and Danny's the brawn, which places Lydia in her brother's shadow and attracts the disdain of his popular friends. When Danny disappears, it's Lydia who takes the spotlight as a media darling expected to sing her brother's praises. The exposure, however, along with the hints that arise to explain Danny's disappearance, affect Lydia's life in a way she couldn't have imagined, changing her course as she learns to cope with loss.



Down at **the Docks**

Author: Rory Nugent
Publisher: Random House
Price: $27.95 (Hardcover)

Rory Nugent turns the Moby Dick-famed town of New Bedford, Mass., on its head with Down at the Docks, a realist take on an oft-idealized city. From observations on crime and the drug trade to interventions by government and modernization, Nugent clashes the contemporary with the classic to portray the town he called home for 17 years. Through colourful characters like lesbian bar owner Charlene and Mako, the son of a fisherman who follows in his father's footsteps, Nugent reinvents New Bedford for a new generation.

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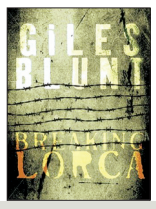

Breaking **Lorca**

Author: Giles Blunt
Publisher: Random House
Price: $29.95 (Hardcover)

Windsor, Ont., novelist Giles Blunt tells an exceedingly relevant tale of torture in Breaking Lorca, set against the backdrop of the 1980s Salvadorian civil war. Victor Peña cheats death when his army captain uncle liberates him from a court martial. In order to survive, intellectual Victor is placed in a torture unit where he must aid in obtaining information from detainees. That's where he encounters Lorca, a girl being maltreated for her presumed guerilla sympathies. Victor's unable to save Lorca from abuse without compromising himself, but when he escapes El Salvador, he sets out to find the girl in an attempt to atone for his actions. **BRIAN COULTON/ FOR METRO CANADA**

Winehouse accused of assault

CHARGES Singer Amy Winehouse is due in court for an alleged attack on a fellow guest at a party last year. The retro-soul singer was charged with assault Thursday for allegedly attacking a fan at an end-of-summer ball in London on Sept. 26, the singer's representative said. Dancer Sherene Flash has been quoted by tabloid newspapers saying she was hit in the eye by the 25-year-old singer, after asking to take her picture at the Berkeley Ball. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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critics' corner

Little Mosque on the Prairie
What looks like an effective new way to do things turns out to be not such a great idea after all. In this new episode, Baber sets up a separate women's entrance to the mosque. After he changes his mind, however, he finds he can't undo what he's done in "Baber Makes an Entrance." 8 PM on CBC

Chuck
Sarah and Casey go in search of the man behind Fulcrum's plans to build its own Intersect, leaving Chuck and Agent Barker in a safety bunker. Once the mission takes an unforeseen turn Chuck and Barker's orders to stay out of harm's way are forgotten in the new episode "Chuck Versus the Lethal Weapon." 8 PM on NBC CITY

Heroes
Sylar's reunion with his long-lost father is not at all what he expected. Claire gets a tip from Rebel and must decide whether to help her sworn enemy evade capture. Matt finds himself on the verge of leveling Capitol Hill in the new episode "Shades of Gray." 9 PM on NBC; 10 PM on GTV

Foxx likes to make an entrance

Some folks like to make an entrance, and Jamie Foxx is one of them. The Oscar winner supposedly has his people call ahead whenever he's set to go out to a bar or restaurant because he wants to make sure he's noticed, Hollywood insiders tell Metro. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Least restrictive order for Brown: Court

COURTS Although the court slapped Chris Brown with among the least restrictive of protective orders, Rihanna does have the means to gather evidence against him if he causes trouble, people.com reports. She may tape record conversations with the R&B singer.

Brown, 19, who was charged Thursday with two felonies in the alleged beating of girlfriend Rihanna, 21, is barred from exhibiting a host of bad behaviors toward Rihanna, with whom he has reconciled.

According to the protective order, signed by the Superior Court commissioner on Thursday and served on Brown in court, he may not "harass, strike, threaten, assault (sexually or otherwise), follow, stalk, molest, destroy or damage personal or real property" of Rihanna's.

He also may not "disturb the peace, keep under surveillance or block movements" of her, and must get rid of any guns he may have by surrendering them to police or selling them to a licensed dealer within 24 hours. And he cannot "dissuade or prevent" anybody from attending a hearing or making a report to police.

Under the order, however, he is allowed to contact Rihanna in person or by telephone, and there are no limitations to how physically close he may be to her.

The only restriction checked on the form is the box reading: "The protected persons may record any prohibited communications made by the restrained person."

The order expires in March 2012, people.com adds.

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Efron's mom frets over 'sexual' photos

RELATIONSHIP After photos surfaced of Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens in the adult section of a costume shop, Efron's mom apparently isn't taking any chances.

"I was like, 'Mom, calm down, it's not a sex shop,'" the High School Musical star tells Elle magazine.

"She wouldn't have any of it. She's like, 'I knew you were being sexual!' But she understood. My stocking was full of condoms this Christmas. She buys me the economy box."

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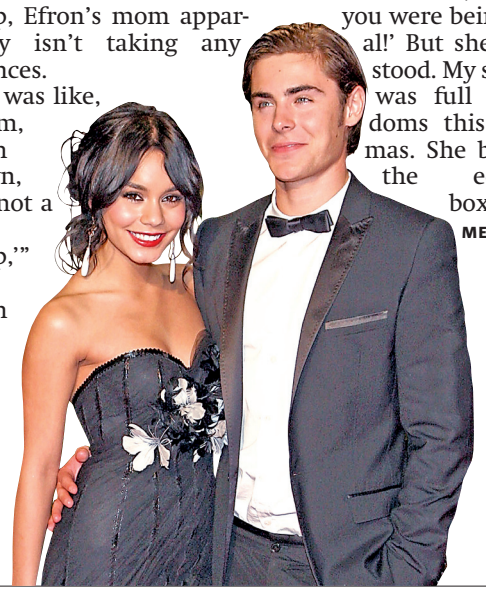

GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Gyllenhaal's new buff physique

NEW ROLE Jake Gyllenhaal wanted to be ready for anything in his next film Prince of Persia: Sands of Time, out next year.

"I over-prepared myself because I never knew how much they were going to ask me to do, so I just made sure I'd be hopefully able to do anything," Jake said of his new physique, which is on display in just-released stills from the movie, according to Just Jared.

"I guess I've gotten buff."

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M.I.A. keeps private

BABY NAME To those Internet reports claiming M.I.A. named her three-week-old boy Ickitt, the rapper responds: Ick!

In a humorous message on her MySpace Celebrity Blog, the Paper Planes songstress shot down the rumours while poking fun at a few of the more unique names bestowed upon certain celebrity kids, people.com reports.

"My baby is not called Ickitt, Pickit or Lickit thank you very much," she writes. "He's a baby, he don't need press!"

Explaining that she doesn't consider her son's name to be newsworthy information, M.I.A., 31, says she'll be back with something for her fans soon. "'Til then go pick on Apple, Satchel and Moon Unit," she suggests.

Her son, born Feb. 11, is the first child for M.I.A., whose given name is Mathangi Arulpragasam, and her musician fiancé, Benjamin Bronfman.

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Spears helps charity

PEOPLE After rolling into Miami, Britney Spears' Circus Tour featured a sideshow for a worthy cause, people.com reports.

The pop star paid a visit to 40 sick children at Miami Children's Hospital on Saturday. "She took pictures with the kids and gave them autographed pictures," hospital spokesperson Cristene Martinez tells People. "The kids were so excited to meet Britney, and having her here was a great distraction for them."

She also made a donation to the hospital's Big Apple Circus Clown Care program, which features clowns who have medical training who visit the young patients on a regular basis, as well as attend special events at the hospital.

Spears, 27, who did not have her own children with her, stayed about a half hour, then left with her bodyguard to prepare for her show at the America Airlines Arena.

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Lil Wayne brushes often

IMAGE Rap star Lil Wayne's diamond teeth have turned the hitmaker into an obsessive compulsive — he brushes them morning, noon and night, female-first.co.uk reports.

The flamboyant star has gems fixed to his teeth and cannot remove them, so he's careful what he eats and always takes care to brush them after every meal.

Lil Wayne estimates he has $150,000 US worth of diamonds in his mouth — and they're permanent.

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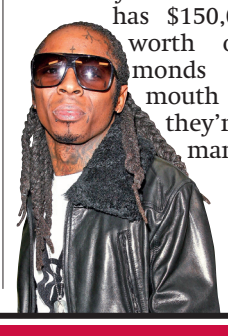

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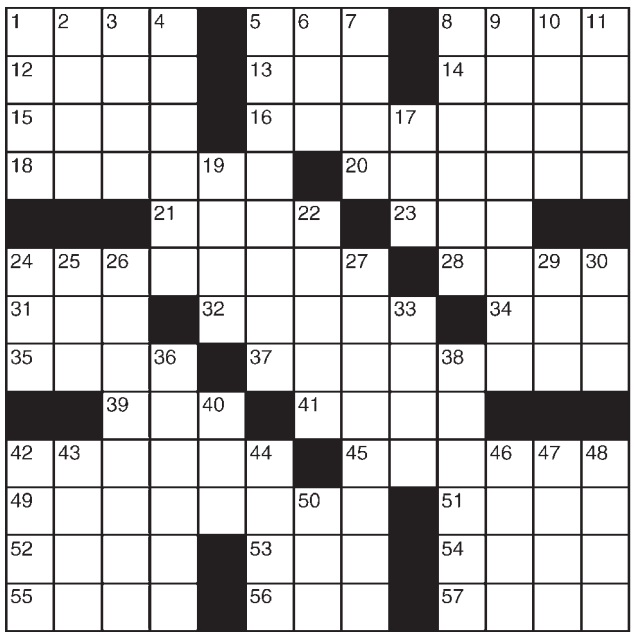

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	1		6			4	3	
8				2		1		7
5				8				
	2	8			3		6	
				7				
	9		5			8	1	
				6				4
9		1		3				2
	5	4			7		8	

Crossword across

1 Poker variety
5 Crooner Damone
8 Ellipse
12 Sci-fi's Skywalker
13 Leading lady?
14 Lima's country
15 Help in a crime
16 Greek
18 Tangy green condiment
20 Noble
21 Anatomical cavities
23 West of Hollywood
24 Sasha and Malia's mom
28 Men only
31 Tavern
32 Diarist Samuel
34 — -la-la
35 All over again
37 Wood-finishing substances
39 Homer's interjection
41 Cain's victim
42 Arouse
45 Arouse
49 "Holder" of a brief explanation
51 Guy
52 Reed instrument
53 Have a bug
54 Additionally
55 Swiss city
56 In medias —
57 Witnessed

Crossword down

1 Cabbage salad
2 Big brass instrument
3 Guitars' kin
4 Remove (from)
5 Planes, trains and automobiles
6 "— Got a Secret"
7 Honeycomb compartment
8 La Scala shows
9 Family feud
10 Seed covering
11 Historic sitcom star
17 Sellers co-star Herbert
19 Road Runner's sound
22 Omega's opposite
24 Biz deg.
25 Author Fleming
26 The U in "IOU"
27 Looks at intently
29 Joan of —
30 Petrol
33 Dispatched
36 Opposite of "improve"
38 South American herd
40"Whadja say?"
42 Nose-in-the-air sort
43 Tooth-paste dispenser
44 Bosc or Bartlett
46 Hardy cabbage
47 Otherwise
48 Night light?
50 Falsehood

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

2	6	9	7	4	1	5	3	8
3	5	4	2	9	8	7	6	1
1	8	7	5	6	3	9	2	4
9	4	1	6	8	2	3	5	7
8	3	6	9	7	5	4	1	2
7	2	5	3	1	4	8	9	6
6	9	3	8	2	7	1	4	5
5	1	8	4	3	6	2	7	9
4	7	2	1	5	9	6	8	3

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

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17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

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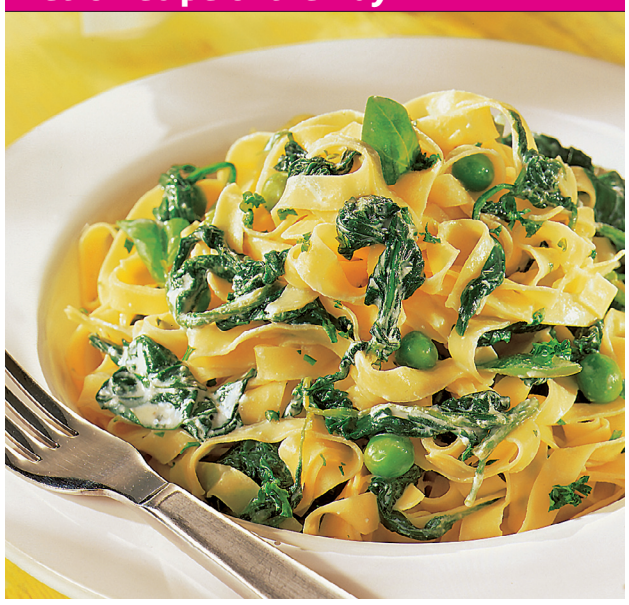

Tagliatelle with Green Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

1 bag (10 oz/300 g) baby spinach, thick stems discarded
3 1/2 oz (100 g) watercress, thick stems discarded
1 cup (250 ml) frozen peas
1 lb (500 g) tagliatelle
2 tbsp (25 ml) cornstarch
1 cup (250 ml) sour cream
4 tbsp (60 ml) chopped parsley
6 sprigs fresh basil, torn into pieces
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper

METHOD:

1. Rinse spinach and watercress and place in large pot with just the water clinging to the leaves. Cover and cook over medium heat, stirring and turning vegetables occasionally, 2 minutes or until wilting.
2. Add peas and heat through, uncovered, 2 minutes; there should be enough liquid in pot to cook peas. Tip greens and their liquid into bowl; set aside.
3. Cook pasta in large pot of boiling water over high heat until al dente, according to package directions.
4. Meanwhile, blend cornstarch and sour cream into smooth paste. Put into pot used for cooking vegetables and stir over medium heat until just bubbling. Stir in vegetables, parsley, basil, and salt and pepper to taste. Heat sauce through, then remove pot from the heat.
5. Drain pasta and add to sauce. Toss to mix.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A perpetrator makes you note what is said. Don't give up on your friends. A parent brings in fresh ideas.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A large man won't believe the truth. Stay out of a family squabble. Take special care with money issues.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A lunch date is expensive. Freedom from limits is established. Contact a friend who knows the details of a chance encounter.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You'll benefit from your past service. Chaos rules when the opportunity arises. Other people will behave oddly.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A woman teaches an excruciating lesson. The question of fairness erupts in real life. Use tact to solve mindless problems.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A colleague will play a childish trick. A dispute is brewing below the surface. A dark-haired man answers the call for a hero.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Don't go to a boring pity party. Mental activity can overwhelm you. Focus on your talent and make demands.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Lectures won't make anyone straighten up. Keep sane by challenging an investigation. It never helps to cry over spilled milk.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A moody man repays a good deed. Refuse to argue about reaching a settlement. Your wittiness incites hypersensitivity.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Be clear about your intentions. A detail-oriented person treats you right. A tyrant makes googly-eyes at you.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A broad-minded female works best for a sensitive project. A sympathetic man has good news. Complicated feelings arise while travelling.

PISCES
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